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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS TALK WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR
RAMSBOTHAM

1. BRITISH HAVE CONFIDED TO US REPORT OF AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAN'S CONVERSATION WITH MAKARIOS MAY 6, FOLLOWING MAKARIOS' MEETING WITH SECRETARY. MAKARIOS BEGAN BY RECALLING THE TALK HE HAD HAD WITH FONSEC CALLAGHAN APRIL 30 (LONDON 6700). HE SAID HE IS ARRANGING THAT CHRISTOPHIDES WILL BE IN BRUSSELS IF CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL HAVE A MEETING THERE IN CONNECTION WITH NATO MINISTERIAL.
2. ON VIENNA TALKS HE MADE COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS REGARDING WALDHEIM'S PERFORMANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY POSITIVE POINTS WERE ACHIEVED. HE LIKED THE IDEA OF A COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE CYPRUS SITUATION AS CREATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, BUT SAID HE SAW NO VIRTUE IN PROVOKING THE TURKS.
3. MAKARIOS ASSURED RAMSBOTHAM HE IS FULLY BEHIND CLERIDES' EFFORTS AND HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT THE

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VIENNA TALKS MIGHT SUCCEED. HE SAW NO OTHER OPTIONS

OPEN AND SAID HE WAS NOT LOOKING TO A LONG STRUGGLE. HE IS DETERMINED THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE VIOLENCE AND BLOOD-SHED. HE THOUGHT HE HAD EOKA UNDER CONTROL. CYPRUS SHOULD NOT GO TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MORE THAN ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR AS PEOPLE GET TIRED OF THE QUESTION.

4. MAKARIOS SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A BIZONAL SOLUTION BUT MUST SEE WHAT CONCESSIONS THE TURKS OFFER.

5. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, GAVE RAMSBOTHAM AN ACCOUNT OF MAKARIOS' TALK WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE SAID MAKARIOS WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT, BUT KISSINGER RATHER LESS SO. KISSINGER HAD REFERRED TO THE TRIPS HE PLANNED TO TAKE TO BRUSSELS AND ANKARA AND SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO PERSUADE THE TURKS TO PUT FORWARD A CLEARER POSITION AND ACCELERATE THE PREPARATION OF THEIR PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, DIMITRIOU CONCLUDED, SECRETARY KISSINGER SHARED MAKARIOS' SOBER VIEW OF WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED.

6. COMMENT: FCO OFFICIAL WHO PASSED US THIS REPORT COMMENTED THAT THE MAKARIOS TALKING HERE CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE A CHANGED AND MUCH Milder MAN THAN HERETOFORE.

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